12/17/72 It is too early for the Sunday paper and with a wind-chill factor well below zero, at least 20 below, I'm not about to go until I'm sure, so I make this note about Kissinger's yesterday's statement on his "peace" failure without the full text before me. I caught part of it when he was delivering it. I'd turned the radio on for news. That he had to be lying I assume. What interest me may be a self-deception, but it struck me that he was using the name of the President more often than necessary to keep the President happy. It is almost as though he were <u>really</u> saying that he failed because the President made him fail by making it impossible for him not to fail, by insisting on getting at the conference table what he could not take by force of arms. K's inflection on referring to the President also seemed to me to be unusual, making allowance for his having learned to speak in another language (which still shows in his choice of words as much as in his accent). On later TV news there was reference to McGovern's campaign statement that the peace ploy was fraud, but atypically, no shots of McG saying it and no use of his voice that I saw or heard. I think, perhaps wrongly, that Henry got a bit twisted in his versions of October, different now than then, aside from his within-reach statement before the election. Also interesting is his acknowledgement that making any statement at all violated the negotiating agreement, which he pinned firmly on the President. He said Nixon felt not to would be a "charade". How is not clear when there are supposedly secret negotiations. I think the answer is that he'd promised a deal in one more meeting and Nixon may still have some concerns about public reactions. HW